

RN Refresher Series – Course Description

The RN Refresher series is intended for registered nurses who have been out of nursing practice for five years or longer or those granted a limited license in order to complete the refresher course. An active/limited license to practice nursing in Wisconsin is required prior to the start of any of these courses.

The RN Refresher is a series of three courses which consists of a theory, skill and clinical course. The goal of these courses is to provide an update of nursing theory and health care trends; a review in clinical techniques and skills; and provide a clinical experience under the guidance and direct supervision of a nursing instructor or preceptor. The theory and skill courses must be completed prior to the clinical course.

These three courses will meet the requirements of the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing/Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS) to activate a license that is inactive but it will not meet the requirement of any disciplinary action required by the Board of Nursing.

The series must be completed in two or three semesters. It is DPS's practice to issue a limited license for 1 year to complete the refresher series. If the refresher series cannot be completed in that year, the applicant can request an extension from DPS to be able to finish the course/series.

RN Refresher Series Outline

The first course of the series, **Medical Nursing Refresher Theory (10-543-123)** is a theory-based course that focuses on the nursing process, infection control, pharmacology, trends in nursing, documentation, communication, supervision and delegation. Course information, learning activities and assignments are submitted through the learning management system, Blackboard and ATI (Assessment Technology Institute). Unit exams and final exam are administered through Blackboard using Respondus Lockdown Browser and a webcam.

- online
- 2 credits

The second course, **Nursing Skills Refresher (10-543-124)** is a lab-based course. Content includes enhanced physical assessment, multiple routes of medication administration, infusion therapy, enteral and nasogastric tube management, maintenance of oxygenation, bladder management, central venous access and basic cardiac rhythm interpretation. Course information, learning activities and assignments are submitted through the learning management system, Blackboard and ATI (Assessment Technology Institute). Travel to the campus is required to practice technical skills and demonstrate competency. Open lab days/times vary. An on-campus final competency testing is coordinated with the course instructor.

- May be taken concurrently or after completion of 543-123
- Hybrid
- 2 credits

The third course, **Precepted Clinical Nursing Refresher (10-543-126)** is a precepted clinical course is conducted in a hospital, clinic, long-term or subacute facility within Mid-State Technical College district. A precepted clinical involves a one-to-one (nursing student and an experienced nurse) clinical experience. The course requires completion of 108 hours of clinical. Course information is provided in the learning management system, Blackboard and ATI (Assessment Technology Institute). The course provides the opportunity to integrate theory and skills knowledge into clinical practice.

Students must meet all requirements of the Nursing Program and clinical agencies. Requirements include, but are not limited to, immunizations, current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, tuberculosis (TB) screening, as well as completion of any agency-specific orientation. The student is responsible for all costs associated with the requirements. Clinical placement is based on agency approval.

- Prerequisite – completion of 10-543-123, 10-543-124
- 108 hours of precepted clinical
- 2 credits